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Impendin Crisis uv the Dimocracy;

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A BREEF AND CONCISE STATEMENT UV THE PAST EXPERIENCE, PRESENT CONDISHUN AND FUCHER HOPES UV THE DIMOKRATIC PARTY:

INCLOODIN

THE MOST PROMINENT REESONS WHY EVRY DIMOKRAT WHO LOVES HIS PARTY SHOOD VOTE FOR

SEEMORE and BLARE, and agin GRANT and COLFAX.

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DEDICASHUN.

To HORASHO SEEMORE,

The troo Dimokrat, for whom my sole hez alluz gone out,
sence the riots in Noo York, in 1863,
In wich his frends demonstrated the sooperiority uv the Anglo Saxon race
By beatin out the branes of all persons uv other races, wich they cood reach;
Whose reputashun, like Moses's,
Is assoshiated with pillers uv fire and smoke, to perdoose wich his frends, in ther zeal, sacrificed a half-dozen nigger orfun asylums—thus thrillin the Southern hart;
And from whom I expect to receeve a new commishun,
ez Postmaster,
When A. Johnson offishally deceeses,
This vollum is abjectly dedicatid, by

THE AUTHOR.

CONFEDRIT X ROADS,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky,)
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THE IMPENDIN CRISIS.

CHAPTER I.

RETROSPECTIVE REFLECSHUNS AND HISTORICLE FAX.

The Dimokratic party uv wich the author hereof is towunst an ornament and piller, is fearfully and wonderfully made. It alluz wuz. And the style uv the Instooshun is percisely wat commends it, or rather wat shood commend it, to the support uv a Amerikin people. In it every sole may find rest—in it there is sich a variety—an assortment so large and well selectid I may say—uv prinsiple, that every man, no matter wat the pekoolyer bent uv his mind—no matter wat the espeshal turn uv his intellek—may find his rock upon wich he may sekoorly rest.

Does a man favor nigger votin? Look at Joe Williams, a nigger, sittin in a Noo York Convenshun ez our ekal. Wood he keep the nigger, brootalized ez he hez bin for centuries by the Dimokratic institooshun uv Slavery, perpetooally under his heel? He'll find sich in all the platforms in the western States. Is he in favor uv repoodiashun? Brick Pomeroy and Blare are his men. Would he pay the debt, but pay it in greenbax? Look at Pendleton. Wood he pay it in gold? Reed Seemore's Cooper Institoot speech. Is he a war Dimokrat? Blare is our candidate. Is he a secessonist? Wade Hampton and Booregard run the Convenshun. Ther is an assortment uv prinsiple—let evry one choose for hisself.

I shel be ruther economical uv historicle matter. The past to me is nothin. Dimokratic joys wich are departid are uv no akkount to me. The drinks I hev taken can't be taken over agin, and tho the recolleckshuns thereof are pleasant, they ain't warmin to the bowels, wich is the pekoolyer offis uv drinks. Pleasant recolleckshuns are abstract pleasures—they are not palpable fax. I knowd wunst a visionary yooth who tried to live on the recolleckshuns uv the past. It woodent do. They didnt take the place uv biled pork. He growd thinner and thinner, day by day, and, persistin in his folly, he died, weighin only 90

lbs. averdupois. Sich will never be my fate. I take solid comfort in the present; enjoyin wat I kin reach, and a quiet, subdood pleasure in contemplatin a continyooance thereof. But this is a digression.

We hev nateral diffikilties to encounter continyooally. Our young men will go to colleges and sich, wher they speedily turn agin us; the churches make sad havoc in our ranks, and singler ez it may seem, likker, our cheef holt, is uv itself a element uv weaknis. Whisky makes Dimokrats of men, but it kills em afore they kin reely become yooseful. The party is in the condishun uv a man with a tape-worm; it hez within itself wat is destroyin it. The longer a man sucks the better he is for us—but alas! while he is ripenin into Dimokrasy, his stumick is bein burned out, and his nose blossoms for the grave jist ez he mite be yooseful to us. They mite live longer, but unfortoonately the likker uv this day is friteful, and it carries em off suddenly. We lose by this a heavy per cent. per annum.

Dimokrasy hez hed many severe trials. It hez bin thro seasons uv trial, wich wood hev killed a party uv less vitality. In 1854 it petered out in most uv the Northern States, wich releesed the faithful uv the cares and responsibilities uv the state and county offisis. We held on tho, for we still hed the Post Offisis, and in them we rejoist. The effeck upon the people wuz the same however; the only difference bein that the burden uv supportin the leaders wuz shifted from the county and state governments onto the general government. For this reason Bookannon's administration went out without a dollar in the treasury, leavin the government some hundreds of millions in debt. So long ez we hed the Post offisis we got along.

In 1860 our star sot in gloom. The gorriller Linkin wuz elected, and Rachel mourned for her children, and refoozed to be comforted becoz they wuz not. We wuz thoroly bereaved. The county and state offisis wuz gone, and this crooel blow deprived us uv the balance uv them. Sadly we left the Post offises, chantin ez we went our death songs. Then our real season uv trouble commenst. Our suthern brethren hed heretofore run the guvernment excloosively. We uv the North wuz willin. We didnt objeck—on the contrary we preferred it. The troo Northern Dimokrat dont want much. Give him a nigger to look down to and a nigger-driver to look up to, and a small post-orfis, and he is supremely happy. In sich a posishun he woodent trade places with a angel in glory! Calhoun and his friends we wuz

willin shood make the platforms, dictate the policy uv the party, and also hold the big offisis, to carry out that policy, for the reason that it made us perfeckly shoor uv the smaller places. We mite hev a suthern policy, in the hands of suthern men, but halleloogy! they coodent send suthern men up north to hold the Post offisis and collektorships! Them we hed for ourselves, and therein we wuz happy.

Wuz it any wonder that when the Linkin elecshun ousted the south from the control uv the government that they rebelled! Wuz it any wonder that when we wuz histed out uv the places we hed held so long, that we murmured to ourselves, and wood hev rebelled too hed we dared? Not enny. For the government, ez far ez we wuz concerned, wuz overturned. The offisis gone, we felt we hed neither lot nor part in it.

It is onnecessary for me to continyoo the harrowin narrashun. The Dimokrasy south did take up arms for their lost rites, and the Dimokrasy north lookt on the struggle with intense anxiety. When our frends met the Ablishun hosts at Bull Run and smote em, our harts wuz filled with gladnis, and when the Amalekites under Grant capchered Vixburg and followed up with Richmond, our harts sunk with greef that wuz too big for uttrance. We follered with anxious soles the progress of the struggle, knowing that our fate was bound up in them, and that as they stood or fell, so also must we.

It is onnecessary to detail the harrowin scenes thro wich we hed to pass, durin that period uv depreshun. My history is the history uv all of us. We wuz drafted and taxed to support armies who wuz a killin our brethren. We resisted—at least I did—and wuz thrown into Basteels. For shootin Provost Marshels we wuz hunted like wild beasts of pray, and for stabbin soldiers at home on furlo, we languished in prizens. Besides we endured other inconveniences. We wuz compelled by an infooriated soljery to take oaths uv allegiance to a government wich, sence it past out uv our hands, we felt we wuz aliens in. We wuz forst to display a flag wich, sence it waved over Post offisis with Ablishnists into em, we felt wuz trooly a hatid rag. Wuz it wonderful that rather than endoor all this, they exiled themselves by thousands? Is it singler that on the shores uv Canadian rivers, they hung their harps on the willers, and then mournfully sung the songs uv their native land? There wuz no more techin site than to see a young and able-bodied Dimokrat swimmin the Detroit river man-

fully, just afore a draft; nothin more affectin than to see him choppin cord-wood in a strange land, waitin, weary and hartsick, for the good time to come when he cood return and bid enrollin offisers defiance.

The very circumstances uv the case made it tuff for us. Ther wuz a continyooal drane onto us. They sedoost some uv our sons into the servis, wher they become rantin Ablishnists; the rest uv em went to Canady wher they coodent return to vote, and that left us only them sich as wuz rupchered, those over 45 and under 18. Consekently we wuz beaten continyooally. McClellan wuz the worstest laid out individyooal who ever run for President, and for another four years it seemed ez tho we wuz doomed to a servitood which wuz too horrible to think about.

The removal uv the tyrant Linkin by that noble patrot Wilkes Booth, wuz a gleem uv sunshine. We knowd at the start wat wood be the result. A. Johnson hed bin a Dimokrat, and we knowed that the stane into him wuz so deep that it cood never be eradikatid. We hed trustid men with him from Nashville to Washington, and we hed our eagle eyes onto him when he wuz inoggeratid. I knowd the minnit I smelt his breath on that day that it wuz all rite, and my faith never wavered till the 22d uv Febrooary speech made it certain that he wuz ourn. But his return wuz after all only a parshel triumph. Our frends in the south wuz still restrained by the cusses connectid with the Buro, and Congris found sevral ways to hold in their hands the paternage uv the Government. Our triumph wuz only parshel. Ez for myself, I hed nothin to complane uv. The reconstructid President give me the Post Offis wich I now okkepy, and which I hev held to this time. But nevertheless the sitooation hez not bin ez cheerin ez it mite be. The power hez bin agin us. Johnson wuz only a breakwater. He bustid the ice-fields that wuz assalin us, but they formed agin below him. With us now its victory or death! Shood we win all will be well—shood we lose—but it cant be! I draw a curtin over a prospeck so terrible!

END UV CHAPTER I.

CHAPTER II.

IN WICH IS GIVEN THE SEVRAL REASONS WHY SUCCESS IS AT THIS TIME NECESSARY FOR THE DIMOKRASY.

The Dimokrasy hev been out uv place onremittently sence

1854. There hez bin in consekence a very great deal uv trouble, suffrin and distress. Them wich alluz hed bin accustomed to livin in that way hev bin forst into other okkepashens wich hev not alluz bin profitable. Doorin the war it is troo they fared tolerable well. The better class uv em—that is the more intellectooal—went into sutlerin and contraktin (out of wich, thank Hevin, the Ablishents coodent keep em) and the lower class embarkt into bounty jumpin. But their employments wuz uv nessessity ruther hazardous. A onlucky movement wood sweep away a sutler's stock, and ever and anon bounty jumpers wuz caught.

Therefore, the land wuz filled with mourners who wood not be comfortid. Legislachers wuz fritefully changed. At the capitol uv Ohio, for instance, several ladies uv undoubted reputashun wuz compelled to move their houses to other cities, ez the preechers, merchants and farmers sent by Ablishnized constitoooncies wuz uv no akkount to them. The grosery keepers languisht for them from whom ther trade come, who wuz compelled to subsist on tick, or die. It wuz not their interest to let em die, and so they carried em along waitin and watchin for the good times wich wuz to come.

Another class must hev this change. I alood to our southern brethrin. Ther is wher it is most needed. Oh, when I look over the fields uv the sunny south my hart bleeds, and I exclaim, "Ablishnism, this is thy work!" The nigger who wuz to-wunst yooseful and ornamental to the whites, is now draggin out a mizable existence, workin leased land, or supportin his family on ground uv his own. The proud Caucashen master, wunst the hope uv our race, and now our only pride, is either defilin his hands with labor, or draggin out a mizzable eggsistence by sellin peecemeal the land on wich ther famlies hed dwelt for many generashuns. One instance will suffice to show the misery wich Ablishnism hez caused in the southern States.

John Punt, uv Mobeel, wuz one uv nacher's noblemen—that is, he owned two hundred niggers and hed twenty-five hundred akers uv land, wich wuz all cotton land. Probably the idee uv Paradise wuz never ez completely realized on this yere earth, ez it wuz on John Punt's place. The manshun hed a piazzer runnin all around it. A leetle to the rite uv the house wuz the long rows uv nigger quarters, scrupulusly full, and to the left stretched off the broad akers wich John Punt called his own. It wuz one uv the happiest uv human eggsperences to see John Punt a sittin

on that porch in the cool uv the evenin a smokin Havanna cigars, with the moosic uv a pack uv hounds a yelpin on the track uv a runaway nigger in the swamps adjacent. Behint the house, and a leetle to the rite uv the quarters, wuz the stocks and whippin posts wich wuz requisite to keep the cheerful and contented Afrikins in order.

John Punt wuz regler in his dooties and pleasures. Reglerly in March, he assembled his niggers and tuk stock uv em. Selectin out with a practist eye, them wich wood bring the highest price in Mobeel, he tuk em thither and sold em. He yoost to hev his trials—wat good man hezent? Wunst I remember I wuz there, when the mother of a picaninny objectid to bein sold away from her child, and in her despare appeeled to PUNT, EZ ITS FATHER, to keep her; and on another occashun, his oldest son Samyooel raised a row about selling a girl 16 years old, wich resembled Samyooel remarkably. But John Punt cood not be moved. He didnt object to his sons takin uv em for concubines, for in sooth the Punts wuz a noble race, physickally, and when the produx uv this patriarkle relashun wuz girls, Punt knowed it wuz money in his purse. The Punt breed was well known in Mobeel, and they brot high prices.

On his return from Mobeel, the Punts alluz took a season at Saratogy, where he wuz proverbially liberal in his expenditoors. Ah, how the open-handed old man yoost to throw around the money. "Be shoor, John," he yoost to rite home so his overseer, "be shoor that the stock on the place is kept up. Livin is cussed high here this summer."

The young Punts wuz trooly chips uv the old blox. Samyooel wuz a ded shot with a pistol, John Jr. wuz onekalled in poker, and Lucinda hed no rival on the piano forte. They lived a happy, Arcajen life. The niggers workt cheerfully under the stimulus uv two overseers and their underlins armed with very heavy nigger whips, but they seldom complained. One or two did it one year, but ez they wuz to-wunst shot ded in ther trax the habit wuznt a general one. They were contentid and happy.

Kernel Punt, uv coarse, hed bin in Congris. With his worldly possessions he cood very easy control the poor whites in his naberhood, ez none uv em cood read or rite, and goin to Congris wuz in them days fashionable. He was happily circumstanct.

There hez been a change in Alabamy. The manshun is standin there, but it is a mere shadder of its former self.

"The harp wich wunst through Tara's halls,
The sole uv moosic shed,
That harp now hangs on Tara's walls,
Its sole uv moosic fled."

Kernel Punt sits on the piazzer ez before, but he is Kernel Punt only by name. Gone are the stox, gone is the whippin post, gone is the nigger quarters, gone is Lucinda, gone is Samyoocl, gone is Tom. Lucinda, whose hands wuz never stained with labor, is a milliner in Mobeel, Tom is a clerk in a grocery, and Samyoocl is tendin bar. The family is wreckt. The manshun no more resounds with the gay lafter uv the merry throngs wich wunst frekented it, no more is heard the pop uv the exileratin shampane, or the gurgle uv the more quiet, tho to me more satisfactory, Bourbon. Now all this is gone. The Kernel is a lost man. The niggers refoozed to work after Mobeel fell, and the poor Kernel hed to sell, aker by aker, his patrimony. The niggers bot em, the poor whites bot em. The Freedmen's Burow set up a skool on one corner uv the place, and a village wuz startid around it, and thus went out all there wuz of civilizashun there. The niggers reed, the poor whites hev got so they kin reed, and they crooelly jeer at the old man when he passes. He never stirs from his house for feer uv insult. Wenches will hold up their seven-year old brats and ask him to look at HIS children, and when he walks past their houses they make a most disgustin show uv spellin books. Poor Kernel Punt! Wunst the owner uv all these people; now none so poor to do him reverence. Wunst the possessor uv millions; now so poor ez to be onable to lend me, when I wuz last at his house, the mizrable pittance uv twenty-one dollars!

We want a Dimokratic success to rite John Punt's wrongs. We want the nigger skool-houses rooted out—we want the spellin books destroyed, and ef we cant git them back to ther old condishun, we at least want em to be redoost to ez near to it ez possible. John Punt must, ez before, control em. Ef they must hev wages, John Punt must fix them wages—ef they must vote, John Punt must control that vote. John Punt wuz robbed uv his property in them niggers and poor whites, and he must hev ez much back ez kin be given him. Let us elect Seymour and Blair, and we'll see how long John Punt's niggers will thwart John Punt's will. Oh, releeve us uv military tyrany, and we'll see how long nigger votes will control Alabama!

Ther are other resons wich mite be given, but a reson

wich aint Southern hez no force with the Dimokrasy. Therefore with this I close Chap. II.

CHAPTER III.

THE PLATFORM—ITS EXCELLENCIES AND PEKOOLYARITIES.

Probably ther never wuz a more akkommodatin platform ever made sence the first one wuz construktid. The sitooashun demandid a pekoolyer platform, and ever alive to the exigencies uv the hour, a pekoolyer platform wuz made. We hed within our organizashun a ruther mixed lot, all uv whose idiosyncrosies hed to be considered. There wuz the southern soljers, the southern rebels who wuznt soljers, the northern sympathisers with the southern rebels, the niggers south, the war Dimokrats, the bond-holders east, and the repoodiashunists west, the nigger suffrage Dimokrats, the nigger-hatin Dimokracy; beside that large class—the foundashun, I may say, uv the whole superstructer—that unumberd throng wich dont reed, and wich consekently naterally gravitate to us. To construct a platform to kiver all these classes, wuz a work wich required great skill, but it wuz done. Its ruther difficult but it wuz did. A physician wunst, who wuznt exactly certain whether he ought to administer a physic or a puke to a sick pashunt, determined to be rite, and give him both. The physic pulled down and the puke pulled up. The fact that the pashent died is nothin agin the theory. Ef he hed bin strong enuff he wood hev lived and conkered the disease. This is our fix. We aint shoor wich remedy is the best, and we hev give both. We must depend on the swallerin capasity uv our party. It wuz not considered safe to say a word on the nigger question, for obvous resons. Shood we endorse nigger suffrage to ketch the nigger vote south, all uv that class uv Dimokratic voters in the north, wich lay awake nights fearin ther daughters will marry niggers, wood, to-wunst commit sooicide; shood we pronounce that this is a white man's goverment and agin nigger suffrage, we shood lose the entire nigger vote, without wich we cant carry a southern State. Our platform is discreet. It sez nothin. Yoo kin take yoor choice. Ef yoo are disposed toard nigger suffrage, I defy yoo to find a word in the platform agin it, and wuznt Joe Williams a nigger in the convenshun? Ef yoo are uv the class wich wants its daughters pertected

from nigger ekality, I pint yoo to the past histry uv the Dimokratic party, and cite yoo to the fact that Forrest, who slew his thousands uv niggers, wuz seetid in the convenshun. In this pertikeler we give the fullest liberty.

On the question uv finance, there is ekal range. The resolooshun declares explicitly that the indebtedness uv the Government shel be paid accordin to the terms uv the contrak. The greenback facshun hev here all they want or kin ask, and the Belmont gold-payers, Lord bless em, wat kin they ask more! Cant we trust to Seymour who is committed to gold payment, and hevnt they faith in the courts? They wood be blind, indeed, not to be satisfied. The out-and-out Repudiashunists are well enough pleased likewise. They build upon the history uv the party and its natral instinks.

On one pint, there wuz no need uv bein at all keerful; viz:—the corrupshun uv the Republikin party. That resolooshun is distink and emphatic. It wuz drawd up by Fernandy Wood, Perry Fuller, Mrs. Cobb's husband, Woolley, a eminent dealer in whisky at St. Loois, and the writer hereof. We demand in that the oustin uv the Radikel fackshun from all places uv profit and trust, and the replacin uv em with troo Dimokrats. The carakter of the men who made the resolooshun, is a sufficient guarantee uv the intenshuns uv the party.

Altogether, the platform is complete. There isnt a man in the Yoonited States who cant git out uv it anything he wants. Who so stoopid ez not to repose under the shadder uv a platform so comprehensive? Ah, who indeed!

CHAPTER IV.

THE CANDIDATES—BREEF BIOGRAPHIES.

I dont know but very little uv the candidates, wich I conceeve to be the first qualificashun uv a writer uv biography. Ef I knode all about em I shood be trameled by fax; ez it is, I kin give my imaginashun full sway. Imaginashun is necessary in biografficle writin. Horasho Seemore wuz born in the year 18—, in the town uv ————, and the State uv ————. I am thus pertikeler in givin dates and places, ez I love to be akerit even in small things. He wuz born uv rich but honest parents, and singler ez it may seem, hevin been well educatid, wuz alluz a Dimokrat.

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Twict wuz he Guvner of Noo York—the last time at the beginnin uv the late unpleasantnis. It wuz doorin this eventful period in the history uv the country, that his grate abilities shone out so strongly. While he wuz sendin out troops to the support uv the Fedral armies, in obejience to the requirements uv laws wich were too strongly backed by power to be safely disobeyed, he wuz at the same time givin more aid to the Confederacy, than any ten Genrals it hed. His rite hand knowd eggsactly wat his left wuz a doin, and the sed rite undid wat the sed left wuz a doin, with neetnis. The Dimokrasy uv Kentucky will never forgit that while he wuz bowin in obejience to Federal mandates and forredin raw troops to the aid uv Grant, he at the same time, got up a riot, a unpleasantnis, in Noo York, wich required the personal attendance uv a considrable grater number of actooal vetrans. Them riots wuz the great epoch—the brite spot in his career. Them riots constitoot his cheef claim to a high niche in the Dimekratic assortment uv Saints. The writer hereof wuz present doorin a part uv em—he wood hev stayed doorin ther entire continyooance, cood he hev endoored so much bliss towunst. Oh, the joy of seein ten thousand liberty-lovin Irishmen, freshly emancipated from the iron rool of English task-masters, a goin for the thousands uv niggers uv Noo York! Oh, the joy uv seein niggers hangin to lamp-posts —uv seein niggers layin on the pavement with their branes beat out, and uv witnessin the smoke uv nigger orfun assylums assendin to the skies, rollin up like the smoke uv a sacrifis! Oh, the delite of seein nigger orfuns, whose fathers wuz perchance in the feeld a strugglin in the ranks uv the despots wich had liberatid their brethren, turned out uv the burnin edifis (sich uv em ez didnt roast therein) to be knockt in the hed by the stern tho infuriated patriots, who had that day risen in their mite. And ez a fitin climax to see Guvner Seemore then (let us hope President Seemore to be,) addressin uv em ez "My Friends," and promisin uv em that the draft shood be stopt! On sich themes wat Dimocratic pen is there that dont like to dwell? Eko ansers.

Guvner Seemore's life hez bin an eventful one. He never wantid offiis—all that he hez ever held thus far hev hev bin crowded onto him. Both times he wuz Guvner he declined, vowin that he wood not accept until the sevral candidates hed beat out ther branes agin each other, when he wuz forst agin his will into acceptin. So it wuz at the

Tammany convenshun. It wuz desided by himself, Belmont and the eastern leaders, that he shood decline, and keep declinin, till Pendleton, Hancock, Chase, and them other fellers shood hev bustid therselves, when he wood permit it to be forst upon him. For partiklers ez to the success uv this movement, see perceedins uv the Noo York Nashnal Convenshun.

The principles uv Horasho Seemore commend theirselves to the hart uv every troo Dimokrat. It is troo that originelly Pendleton wuz the prefrence uv the grate majority uv the party, but they yeeldid gracefully, and wuz surprised after they hed yeelded, how little diffrence ther wuz between em. It wuz so slite that enny troo Dimokrat wood be ashamed to menshun it. Pendleton wuz, and is, in favor uv payin the bonds in greenbax—Seemore wuz, and is, in favor uv payin uv em in gold. Pendleton affirms that Seemore's finanshel policy is a swindle onto the plow-holder for the benefit uv the bloatid bond-holder. Seemore thinks and affirms that Pendleton's plan is a peece uv double-dyed raskality—a proposishun wich cood only originate in the mind uv a man capable uv bein a fust-class sneek theef. So trifflin are the diffrences between the grate minds uv the party! Wat Pendleton Dimokrat is ther who coodnt towunst yeeld the triflin diffrence between his policy and support Seemore? Not one!

"I will take one hundred and seventy-five dollars for this mule, and not a d——d cent less," sed a deeler in brevetted jackasses.

"I'll give yoo ten!" sed the buyer thereof.

"Take him," replide the other promptly; "it shel never be sed that I let a trifle uv a hundred and sixty-five dollars split me in a mule trade."

Let us imitate the heroick exampel uv this Spartan yooth!

Gen. Frank Blare, and his family, our nominee for Vice President, is probably the purest specimen uv the simple-harted, hard-fisted, patrotic, self-abnegatin Dimokrat we hev in this country. He, and his family, startid out in life a Dimokrat uv the troo Jacksonian skool. In a moment uv moral blindnis he, and his family, become a rantin Ablishnist, and a persekooter uv the Dimokratic Saints in Missoury, and wound up this part uv his career ez a Majer Genral in the Fedral servis. Ez lamentable ez this part uv his career is—ez frite*ful ez wuz his backslidin—it ought not to be urged agin him. Sadly hez he, and his family, repented

uv his folly. They saw, when it wuz almost everlastinly too late, that the Republikin party wuznt no fit restin place for them. He, and his family, sot about his work uv repentance by bustin Fremont in Missoury; and that they mite do the Fedral coz ez much harm ez possible, Mongomery, one of the family, held onto his posishen in the goriller Linkin's cabinet till he wuz kickt out by mane strength. Then they changed ther minds. Frank become conservativ and increased his rashuns uv likker three pints per day. He supported President Johnson cheerfully, and so conduktid hisself generally ez to win the confidence, love and esteem uv all the Confedrit Genrals and Statesmen, all uv wich corjelly and even enthoosiastically supportid him in the convenshun they run in Tamany Hall. Genral Forest and Booregard never spoke uv him but with teers in ther eyes, and Wade Hampton wich nominatid him, told the writer hereof that he loved him, and his family, ruther dearer than he did his brother.

Troo he and his German subjecks played the devil with us in Missoury—troo he helped the butcher Lyon shoot down inoffensive men in the streets uv St. Loois, and afterward he drencht the South with gore, leavin behind him a trale uv ashes and smoke—but wat uv that? He wuz bein paid for it, and wuz, beside, at that time, in the gall uv bitternis and the bonds uv inikity. He hednt repentid then—the scales wuz onto his eyes. He wuz then in a highly abnormal condishun.

But wat more cood we ask uv him than his letter afore the convenshun sot? Ef he hednt bin endorsed by Forest and Booregard, that letter alone, bustin ez it did the entire Rekonstruckshen acts uv a unconstooshnel Congris, wuz suffishent. That letter wuz to me the first gleem uv lite I hed seen for years. Here wuz a man bold enuff to openly announce his intenshun uv by force opposin a unconstooshnel Congris, and undōin at a stroke all that they hed unconstooshnelly done!

The advantages uv hevin Genral Blare, and his family, on the tikkit is obvus Shood Seemore play us false, owin to loonacy wich is in his family, it wood still be well. The Goverment cood then be run in the family entire. The old man wood be Sekretary uv State, on the skore uv his bein too old to be good for ennything else, and he kin buy earthquakes and icebergs, I am confident, ez well ez Seward kin. Montgomery wood be uv coorse Sekretary uv War, and the other posishons cood be filled by ther brothers-in-law. This

arrangement will strike evry Dimokrat ez bein feasible and simple. Ther aint enuff uv em to go round, and ez they wood select men uv ther stamp for the subordinit posishuns, all sich ez the writer hereof wood be provided for beyond all question.

It is my opinyun that the tikkit is a strong one. I hev sed so reglerly uv tickkits for forty yeers, and knowin that Seemore will get the bond-holders, Blare the repoodiashunists—that both hev the confidence uv the Vallandigumers and Confedrits, and the Woodses—I feel it is a tikkit on wich we kin all yoonite, and consekently succeed. Ef a man cant yoonite on this tikkit he must be hard to soot. Wat a gorjus seeries uv campane mottoes we ken put onto our banners! In Noo York we shel hev "Seemore and gold!" in Ohio, "Blare and Greenbax!" in Kentucky, "Dimokrasy and repoodiashun!" Percisely ez flexible is the platform on the nigger and on all other topics. In Georja it will be "Seemore and votes for all!" In Ohio, wher they hev a prejoodis agin niggers, we shel hurrah for "Seemore and down with nigger ekality!" And evry where we kin demand uv the Demokrasy—"Think uv bein tried afore a nigger joory for hoss-stealin!" It is trooly gorjus.

CHAPTER V.

THE CANDIDATES.

I shel say but little uv the candidates uv the opposin party. Charity and long suffering is my best holt, and I will not descend to personal abuse. Ulysses S. Grant is a theef, a liar, swindler, villain, despot and tyrant. Ef Nero ever looks up to this world he gnashes his teeth with envy at the sooperior vices uv this man. Caligula wuz never his match. He wuz uv a low, plebian orejin. His father wuz a tanner, and he follered the same brootalizin okkepashun. At the outbreak uv the late onpleasantnis, with feendish haste he laid down his curryin tools and tuk up the sword, and embarkt into the more congenial feeld uv slawter that civil war opened to him. Uv his histry sence but little need be sed. The Northern Dimokrasy wuz not much affected by him—halleloogy! They pay but little taxes, so he didnt ketch em there; and ther able-bodied sons mostly went to Canady seekin protekshun from his fearful demands under the tail uv the British Lion. But upon the

Southern Dimokrasy it fell with crushin force. From Shilow to Vixburg; from Vixburg into Tennessee; from Tennessee to Richmond, this insashate monster follered the Confedracy with the remorselis cagernis uv a sleuth hound, ontil he hed it prostrate under his feet. Ez a imparshel Dimokratic historian, I wood say he wuz no Ginral, wuz it not for the fact that shood I so say I shood be castin reprooch upon the Confedrits wich he conkered, wich wont do. Ez he licked Lee, I am willin to give him credit for military ability. His administrashun uv affares when he wuz Seketary of War, ad interim, shows wat he wood do ef his oppertunities wuz greater. With sich a man in the Presidensel cheer, wat cood our hungry soles do who hevnt hed ther fingers in the flesh-pots for nine long years! Ef he restrained em to the amount uv five millions uv dollars in three months, in a Department wich hez less than one-twentieth uv the disbursements to manage, wat will he do in four yeers when he hez control uv the whole? Thats the question. No wonder the Dimokrasy wantid to git rid uv him. No wonder President Johnson regetted hevin put him in posishen to so disappint his frends. I dismiss him with the fervent hope (hevin frends I hev promist contrax to in the event uv a Dimokratic success) that he may never write President after his name.

Skyler Colfax I approach with feelins uv more profound digust. Doorin the war for the maintainance uv the Yoonyun, wat did he do toward carryin it to a glorious and successful endin? Did he carry a muskit or draw a sword? No! On the contrary he passed that time in the gilded halls uv Congris, drawin his salary promptly. He wuz born in Noo York, but wuz brot up in Injiany. From the beginnin he wuz a bitter enemy uv Dimokrasy. Ther aint a drop uv Dimokratic blood in him. He hez alluz manetained a conneckshun with the Methodist church; he dont know how likker tastes, and he holds, with most disgustin boldnis, that niggers is human. He is a skoffer at Ham and Hager, and wood, ef he cood, put evry nigger child in the south in skools. He hez spent a life-time in efforts to break down the barriers erectid by Nacher between the races, and by elevatin the nigger onfit him for fulfillin the work he wuz made to do. That he hez succeeded, let the condishun uv the south attest. Ther aint no Southners at Saratogy this year livin at a expense uv a $1,000 per week, and drawin on ther cotton agents reglerly for the money. Ther aint no hefty games uv Faro at the waterin

places, for they cant afford it. But you shel see all over the south niggers ownin ther own land. You shel see em wastin ther time on spellin books, and squandrin ther earnins on clothes for therselves. Yoo cant go down ther now and buy a carpenter, or blacksmith, or stun-cutter, or bricklayer for a thousand dollars. No, that's all changed. Ef we want sich labor done, we are compelled to hire it and pay for it, the same ez they do at the North. Gone is the vast estates wich wuz our pride—gone is the aristockrisy wich wuz the hope uv our Dimokratic country—gone is slavery wich wuz the corner-stun uv our free Guverment. And standin on the watch-tower, ez I hev bin for forty yeers, I look over these rooins and exclame, "Skyler Colfax this is thy work!"

Wat lover uv Freedom kin vote for a man who hez bin so prominent in opposishun to Slavery? Wat lover uv the rites uv man kin support one who destroyed the property uv one-half uv the peeple, by given freedom to the other half? Ef Freedom shreekt when Kosciusko fell, wat must she hev dun when slavery went under? I paws for a reply.

CHAPTER VI.

CONCLOODIN REFLECKSHUNS.

I hev only to say in conclooshun that we kin succeed ef we will. The Dimokrasy never hed afore it sich brilliant prospecks, or the promise uv a victory so easily won. We hev an abundance uv material to draw from. Ther is waitin to fall into our ranks all uv the followin classes:

IN THE NORTH.

1. All them wich dont want ther dawters to marry niggers, and wich demand a law to pertect em agin em.
2. All them wich stan on the street corners perpetooally, shakin for fear the nigger'll be elevatid to an ekality with em.
3. All them wich are willin niggers shel pay taxes, but are inflexibly opposed to ther votin.
4. All them wich opposed the war on akkount uv Ablishnism.
5. All them wich opposed it from other causes.
6. All them wich hevnt bin suffishently rewarded for ther services to Republikinism in the way uv offises.

7. The Blare family, and ther children, who will hev to be provided with an offis each when they grow up.

8. The counterfiters pardoned by President Johnson.

9. The whisky speckulaters.

10. Sich whisky inspeckters ez hev bin caught at it.

11. The proprietors uv bars and faro banks.

12. The victims thereof, who, hevin gone thro em, must come to us, becoz they cant go enny where else till they reform, wich, after they've bin with us a little while will be impossible.

13. Them wich cant reed or write—two institooshuns wich hev did Dimockrasy more harm nor anything else in this world.

14. Them wich want to pay the debt in greenbax.

15. Them wich, follerin ther regler practis, dont want to pay the debt at all.

16. That large class—them wich makes up our respectability—who are too good for us but not quite good enuff for the Republikins.

IN THE SOUTH.

1. The Confedrit officers.

2. The Confedrit Congris.

3. The Confedrit office-holders.

4. Joe Williams, a patriotic and inteligent colored citizen.

These classes kin all yoonite on Seemore and Blare, evry one uv em. Ez I am satisfied that hell is more densly populatid than heven, I am intirely satisfied that our party is, ez it alluz hez bin, in the majority. But the truble is to git em together. The truble is the combinashuns agin us sometimes take orf a porshun uv this strength—becoz it is a inexorable law that wickidnis cant most alluz hold together. The very men who leeve Republikinism becoz they dont get places, wood leeve us from the same coz, and ez ther aint offises enuff to go round ther must be disappintments. But them classes hev bin so thororly starved out—so terribly yoosed by ther late assoshates—that they must come to us and take ther chances. But we are foundid on a rock. With nigger at the bottom and whisky at the top, we are a strong and solid tower agin wich the waves uv fanaticism will beet in vane.

We must hev this success. We cant no longer wate. We hev suffered in silence long enuff. Our Suthren brethren hold out ther hands to us implorinly. They say to us,

"kum." They are willin to forgive and forget all they hev dun. They hold no spite agin the country—on the kontrary, they are willin to come back and take ther old places and go on as before. They hev showd wonderful forbearance and proodence. They run the Noo York Convenshun and mite hev hed all the nominashuns. But they didnt: Breckenridge mite hev hed the nominashun for the Presidensy, and Forrest the second place on the tikkit, but they didnt ask it. "We dont want the places" sed they—wich is remarkable ez bein the first uv the party wich ever declined a place—"We dont want the places—provided we kin nominate men wich we kin trust, on a platform wich we dictate." And they so actid. Let us not diappint these men. For them I speek. Ther Impendin Crisis is at hand. They must be rescood now or never. Ef Boregard, Mason, Slidell and sich aint restored to control this fall they never will be. Ef them niggers and poor whites continyoo to vote twict more, the privilege kin never be taken from em. Ef military rool is continyood at the south one more yeer, the "loyal" men, ez they call therselves, will be so organized that rootin uv em out by enny means will be a moral impossibility. Ther must be a radikle change by means uv an elecshun. We must hev the Presidency, the Congris and the army. Then will we uv the south regane all that we lost by war. Then will our turn cum. Then will we restore the anshent order uv things, and in the enjoyment uv our niggers south and the post-offises north, float on peecefly and happly. Oh, may this dreem be realized! Oh, may this heven be ourn! Let us leeve no stun unturned to accomplish this gellorus result. Ez for myself my wants is few. I am old and full uv honors. I hev bin Gustis uv the Peece in Noo Jersy and Postmaster in Kentucky. My hair hangs scantily about my temples, my cheeks is sunken and my appetite is goin! goin! goin! A few more days and my bilers, already rustid, will bust and I shel go lientz. Let me see the Dimokrasy wunst more in power let me see Deekin Pogram wunst more wallop a nigger, and I will hie me to my Post Ortis and go into the final fit uv delirum tremens wich will carry me off, happy! I hev sed! Selah! So mote it be!

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THE END.

Mr. Nasby Returns from New York Before the Adjournment of the Convention—How the Nominations were Received at the Corners.

POST ORFIS, CONFEDRIT X ROADS,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky)
July 13, 1868.

I didn't stay in Noo York till the Convenshun adjourned, for a most excellent reason, to-wit: my money run out. The Milesian female with whom I wuz forst to board, required payment in advance, and uv coorse under sich an arrangement there wuz nothing left for me but to succum. The length uv my stay redoost itself to a mere matter uv money. I tried the borrowin dodge, and the cheekin dodge, but good Lord! wat cood I do with an entire Convenshun, all uv 'em more or less tryin to live in the same way? I left and come home while I cood, and before it was everlastinly too late.

When I left I spozed ther wuz no doubt uv the nominashen uv Pendleton, The "young eagle uv the West" hed received 155 votes, and wuz a gainin, and Seemore hed declined so often and so persistently, that goin back on my yoosuol disbeleef in these fellers, hevin declined a great many offices myself that I wanted, I reely beleeved the cuss wuz in earnist, and saw nothin that cood stand between Pendleton and success. Ez I left the Ohio river, I got out the reech uv railroads and telegraphs, and I told the people all along that Pendleton hed bin nominated on the 16th ballot, and that the country wuz all ablaze with enthoosiasm for him and greenbax, so certin wuz I uv his success.

On arrivin at the Corners I found that intense anxiety wnz manifested by the citizens thereof. They were all gathered at Bascom's discussin the matter when I hove in site on a mule wich I hed borrered at Secessionville to ride over onto.

"Who is it?" asks Deekin Pogram, ketchin the mule by the bridle. "Who is it, and wat principles hev we got to support this fall?"

"Pendleton and greenbax," shouted I. "Pendleton, the

young eagle uv the west, who is opposed to the bloatid aristocratic bondholders, wich wood crush us labrin men into the dust. Pendleton, who bleeves that ef greenbax is good enuff for us honest laborin men, they are good enuff for the aristocrat, who, like the King in the nursery rhyme, sits in his parlor, countin his money. Pendle—"

"Enuff!" sed Bascom, "enuff. Save that speech, Parson, till we hev our ratificashen. In the meantime, get off and take suthin. So good do I feel over the result, that I am willin to stand treet for the crowd. Come one, come all."

These few remarks uv Bascom's wuz hailed with satisfaction. Ez one man the entire crowd moved into his place, and ez one man they all asswaged ther thirst. Bascom kin move the Corners quicker than any man in it. Wat a happy posishen is hizzin!

The next nite it wuz desided to hev a ratificashen, that the Corners mite contribbit her mite towards swellin the enthoosiasm on the buzzum uv wich Pendleton wuz to sweep to glory. We met in the open air, in front uv Bascom's, and the impashent crowd called upon me to give an account uv my stewardship.

I opened by statin that I went to Noo York under pekoolyerly embarrassin circumstances. The whole money power uv the east wuz arrayed agin us. The aristocratic Belmont, wich is the agent uv the Rothchilds, the money-kings uv the world, wuz determined to foist onto the Dimokrasy either Chase, the accursed Ablishnist, or Seemore the pekoolyer pet uv Wall street, wich street is, I may sling in here for the benefit uv my hearers, where the money bizniss is mostly done, and where they sleep on Guverment bonds and spend the heft uv ther time a clippin off the coopons."

"Wat is coopons?" asked Deekin Pogram.

I explained to the blessid old saint wat coopons wuz, and went on.

"This Wall street influoence wood, my brethren, hev corrupted the Dimokrisy. Wall street came into Tammany Hall and wanted to control our ackshen. But we wuzent to be purchist. The more Wall street offered to enslave the Dimocrisy, the more yoor representatives, gloryin in ther manhood, spurned ther proffered bribes. We went there determined to emancipate the yomanry uv the country from the bondige uv the bloated bondholder—we went ther pledged to Pendleton, the young eagle uv the West—pledged to tender the bloated bondholder the same dirty rags wich he pade for his bonds—pledged to pay the bloated bondholder,

if we pade them anything, greenbacks for his bloated bonds or nothin. We went ther determined to annihilate this yer Seemore and his bloated supporters."

"Rah for Pendleton!" sung out the crowd.

"Three groans for Seemore, the bloated bondholders' agent."

Both cheers and groans were given with a will and I perceeded.

"My frends, you nev'll know wat we, the people's defenders, hed to contend with. The bloated bondholders hed money—we hed none. They were determined to fasten the yoke on yoor necks—we were determined to hist it off. They wuz determined to hev Seemore with all Wall street at his back fastened on to you to grind you into dust, but feelin that ef he shood be nomenated we cood never support him, we riz in our mite and manfully compelled em to withdraw this man and give us the people's choice, Geo. H. Pendleton, the eagle uv the ——"

At this pint Deekin Pogram's son Gamaliel wuz seen putting down the hill ez fast ez his mule cood git. Joe Bigler notist him fust and rusht out uv the crowd to intercept him. The boy hed a noospaper in his hand, wich Josef took from him and rushed to where I wuz standin on the hed uv a barl.

"Here's the last Looisville paper," sed Josef, unfoldin it. "Shel I reed it?"

"Reed! Reed!" yelled the crowd. "Giv us the nooze uv the downfall uv the bloated bondholders!"

"Before I reed," sed Josef, who had glanced at the headins uv the telgraft collum, "give three more cheers for Pendleton and greenbax. Hip, Hip—"

"Rah," cheered the crowd.

"Now three groans, and let them be good ones, for Seemore and his cussid doctrine wich will grind us into the dust under the heels of Belmont, and aid the forrin capitalists by payin the bonds in gold!"

And they groaned ez heartily ez they cheered.

"We ez Dimocrats," continued Josef, "hev sworn by our altars and our fires, never to support for any offis any man who wood pay a debt inkurred by a unconstooshnel government in a unconstooshnel war, in anything but the debased currency wich that unconstitooshnel government ishood."

"Never! never! we sware!"

"Very good," said Josef, "this paper wich I hold in my hands conveys the afflictin intelligence that on the twenty-

seckond ballot Govenor Horasho Seemore, uv New York, wuz nominated, and that Frank Blair wuz nominated Vice President by acclamation. Ez Seemore is opposed bitterly to Pendleton's greenbax policy, I spose, uv coorse, the Corners will repoodiate the ackshen uv the convenshun."

And with a laff wich wuz devilish in the extreme Josef left the stand.

The meetin broke up in a row. The Corners felt that they hed bin imposed upon and hed I not got out uv the way I mite hev bin personelly injoored.

The Deekin, Bascom, Kernel McPelter, Issaker Gavitt and I met in the Postoffis after the excited crowd hed dispersed, and consulted. We was in a ruther tite place. Relyin on the strength uv our candidate, we hed gone too far in denouncin the others, tho for that matter wat cood we do? The two policies is so cussed opposite that we can't support the one without denounsin the tother. It wuz desided that we support the ticket. We felt it wuz safe. Seemore, if he is electid, can't discriminate between his supporters in the distribooshen uv the Postoffises, and after all that is the reel question at ishoo. After givin the subjick a matoor considerashen, we come to the conclooshen that the credit and standin uv the goverment demanded the payment uv the Nashnel indebtedness in gold, and that anything short of that wood be repoodiashun.

"I wonder," said I, "that any honest man—any man who beleeves in mantaning unimpaired the credit uv the Government, shood think for a moment uv payin the debt in anything but wat was contemplated—honest hard gold." At a meeting the next nite to ratify Seemore's nomenashen, I sed this over agin, and asked em if any Demokrat who remembered the glorious fite Jackson made for hard money, wood consent for a moment to multiply a irredeemable paper currency? No! Let us, ez our glorious standard bearer Seemore hez so boldly proclaimed, let us pay our debts in Demokratic money—gold—hard, shinin, yaller gold. Three cheers for Seemore!"

And they cheered ez vigerously ez I ever heered men cheer. Ther aint no trouble in managin the Dimokrasy. All they want is to hev it settled wat they are to hurrah for, and they hurrah for it. Notwithstandin the *fo paw* I made the first nite, we shell poll the yoosual vote for Seemore, and possibly more. Yet the experiment wuz a leetle risky. I will never ratify agin till I know wat I am ratifyin and for whom.

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